

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
WILLIAMSPORT DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CASE NO.  
:  
v. :  
:  
JEREMY PAULEY : 4:23-CR-163

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Change of Plea

Held before the HONORABLE MATTHEW W. BRANN,  
September 7, 2023, commencing at 12:16 p.m., Courtroom No. 1,  
Federal Building, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

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1 (Proceedings commenced at 12:16 p.m.)

2 THE COURT: This is the matter of the United States  
3 of America against Jeremy Pauley. This matter is docketed  
4 before this Court at Criminal No. 4:23-CR-00163. The Court  
5 notes the presence of Assistant United States Attorney Sean  
6 Camoni; Counsel for the Defense, Jonathan White, Esquire, as  
7 well as the Defendant, I assume, Jeremy Pauley. Good  
8 afternoon to you, sir.

9 THE DEFENDANT: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Pauley, you're represented by  
11 Mr. White today. Are you satisfied with the legal  
12 representation you have received from him to date?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Thank you. I hereby issue now an order  
15 confirming that the United States has an obligation to timely  
16 disclose Brady information to this Defendant. I remind  
17 Government Counsel that failure to comply with these  
18 disclosure obligations may result in consequences such as the  
19 exclusion of evidence, dismissal of charges, contempt  
20 proceedings, disciplinary referral, and any other relief  
21 authorized by law. I will enter a written order confirming  
22 these obligations.

23 Mr. Pauley, my Courtroom Deputy is about to  
24 administer an oath to you. If you give me any false answers,  
25 you could be subject to further prosecution for perjury or for

1 making false statements to the Court. Do you understand that,  
2 sir?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Mrs. Rhinehart, would you administer  
5 the oath now to this Defendant, please.

6 (The Defendant, Jeremy Pauley, was sworn.)

7 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please state your full name.

8 THE DEFENDANT: Jeremy Lee Pauley.

9 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Thank you. When you sit down,  
10 can you pull the microphone back over closer to you so we can  
11 hear you. Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Is this matter before the Court for an  
13 initial appearance, arraignment, and guilty plea, Mr. Camoni?

14 MR. CAMONI: Yes, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Mr. White, you agree?

16 MR. WHITE: Yes, Your Honor.

17 BY THE COURT:

18 Q. Mr. Pauley, before I can accept your plea of guilty with  
19 respect to the charges that have been brought against you in  
20 this case, it is necessary for me to establish under Federal  
21 Rule of Criminal Procedure 11 that you fully and completely  
22 understand your rights under the law, and that you understand  
23 the consequences of a guilty plea.

24 Do you understand that, sir?

25 A. Yes, Your Honor.

1 Q. Mr. Pauley, you've been placed under oath. I'm now going  
2 to ask certain questions of you in what is called a plea  
3 colloquy. These questions are not meant to insult your  
4 intelligence. They are merely basic questions that I and all  
5 Federal District Judges must ask in order to comply with the  
6 Federal Rules.

7 If you do not hear or you do not understand one of  
8 my questions, please interrupt me. I'm perfectly willing to  
9 either repeat or rephrase my question. And therefore, if you  
10 respond to one of my questions, I am going to assume that you  
11 have both heard and understood the question.

12 Do you understand that, sir?

13 A. Yes, Your Honor.

14 Q. You may speak to your Attorney, Mr. White, at any time.  
15 You may speak to Mr. White privately if you care to do so. Do  
16 you understand that?

17 A. Yes, Your Honor.

18 Q. Mr. Pauley, have you been furnished with a copy of the  
19 charges made against you in this matter by the Government of  
20 the United States?

21 A. Yes, Your Honor.

22 Q. Do you understand these charges?

23 A. Yes, Your Honor.

24 Q. Do you wish to have the Information read to you now in  
25 open court?

1 A. No, Your Honor.

2 Q. Have you had enough time to review these charges with  
3 Mr. White?

4 A. Yes, Your Honor.

5 Q. Has Mr. White gone over the charges against you and fully  
6 explained your trial rights and defenses that you could bring  
7 to the charges?

8 A. Yes, Your Honor.

9 Q. Mr. Pauley, you have a Constitutional right to be charged  
10 by an Indictment of a grand jury, but you can waive or give up  
11 that right and consent to being charged by an Information of  
12 the United States Attorney. Let me explain that to you now in  
13 some detail.

14 You have the right to have these charges submitted  
15 to a grand jury of between 16 and 23 people, and at least 12  
16 of these people would have to find probable cause that you  
17 committed this offense in order for you to be charged in an  
18 Indictment.

19 Do you voluntarily now give up this right and agree  
20 to allow the Government of the United States to bring charges  
21 against you in an Information?

22 A. Yes, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: For the record, the Court notes that  
24 the waiver of Indictment has been signed by Mr. Pauley and is  
25 accepted now by the Court.

1           Before I proceed further, I will note for the  
2 record that I am addressing this Defendant, Mr. Pauley,  
3 personally; I am doing so in open court and pursuant to  
4 Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(b)(1).

5 BY THE COURT:

6 Q.   Mr. Pauley, would you state your name again for the  
7 record, please.

8 A.   Jeremy Lee Pauley.

9 Q.   Mr. Pauley, can you read, write, and converse in the  
10 English language?

11 A.   Yes, Your Honor.

12 Q.   Could you tell me, sir, how old you are?

13 A.   41 years old.

14 Q.   And could you tell me, please, what your educational  
15 background is?

16 A.   Ninth grade education.

17 Q.   Thank you. Mr. Pauley, have you discussed the charges  
18 made against you and any defenses you could bring to the  
19 charges, and for that matter the case generally with  
20 Mr. White?

21 A.   Yes, Your Honor.

22 Q.   I need to determine now if you're a citizen of the United  
23 States. If you're not, I have some additional questions for  
24 you along those lines. Could you tell me, sir, where you were  
25 born?

1 A. Allentown, Pennsylvania.

2 Q. And you're citizen, then, of the United States?

3 A. Yes, Your Honor.

4 Q. Mr. Pauley, are you currently taking any prescription  
5 medication?

6 A. No, Your Honor.

7 Q. Have you had any drugs or alcohol either today or  
8 yesterday?

9 A. No, Your Honor.

10 Q. Have you been treated recently for drug addiction?

11 A. No, Your Honor.

12 Q. Have you been treated recently for alcohol addiction?

13 A. No, Your Honor.

14 Q. Have you been treated recently for mental illness?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Do you understand what is happening today and why you are  
17 appearing before me in Federal Court?

18 A. Yes, Your Honor.

19 Q. Are you able to concentrate on what I am saying to you  
20 today?

21 A. Yes, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Counsel, I'm satisfied, then, that this  
23 Defendant is currently competent to plead guilty, and I will  
24 therefore continue now with the change of plea hearing by  
25 turning to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

1 BY THE COURT:

2 Q. Mr. Pauley, if you were to plead not guilty, you would  
3 have the right to a jury trial. Let me explain that right to  
4 you now in some detail.

5 You are entitled to a jury trial in which you,  
6 through your attorney, Mr. White, would select a jury  
7 consisting of typically 12 but never fewer than 6 persons to  
8 sit as a jury to hear the facts of this case. And at trial,  
9 the Government of the United States has the burden of proving  
10 each and every element of the crime charged against you, and  
11 the Government must meet this burden beyond a reasonable  
12 doubt. You are presumed innocent during these proceedings  
13 unless and until the Government proves the charges against you  
14 beyond a reasonable doubt.

15 At trial, you have the right, again through your  
16 Attorney, Mr. White, to confront witnesses against you by what  
17 is called cross examination. And at trial, you would also  
18 have the right to subpoena witnesses and evidence in support  
19 of your plea of not guilty.

20 At trial you would have the right to but would not  
21 be required to testify on your own behalf. If you decide not  
22 to testify or set forth any evidence, that decision cannot be  
23 used against you. To find you guilty, the verdict must be  
24 unanimous, which is to say all jurors would have to agree.

25 If you give up your right to a jury trial by



1 pleading guilty today, you are giving up your right to present  
2 any defenses you may have and your right to appeal any  
3 pretrial motions.

4           Having explained that to you, sir, do you  
5 understand your right to a jury trial?

6 A.    Yes, Your Honor.

7 Q.    Do you understand as well that you have the right to  
8 plead not guilty and to proceed with a jury trial in this  
9 matter?

10 A.    Yes, Your Honor.

11 Q.    Do you understand that you have a right to be represented  
12 by an attorney at all stages of this proceeding, including at  
13 trial, should you choose not to plead guilty today?

14 A.    Yes, Your Honor.

15 Q.    Do you understand that by pleading guilty today, you will  
16 waive or give up your right to a trial?

17 A.    Yes, Your Honor.

18 Q.    Do you wish to waive or give up that right and continue  
19 with the guilty plea today?

20 A.    Yes.

21 Q.    Very well. Mr. Pauley, I understand that you are  
22 pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit  
23 interstate transportation of stolen property in violation of  
24 Title 18 of the United States Code, at Section 371, which  
25 means that in terms of the elements, that two or more persons

1 agreed to do something which federal law prohibits, namely  
2 that which is set forth at Count 2, that you were a party to  
3 or a member of that agreement, that you joined the agreement  
4 or conspiracy knowing its objective to commit an offense  
5 against the United States, and at some time during the  
6 existence of the agreement, one or -- one or more members of  
7 the conspiracy performed at least one overt act for the  
8 purpose of furthering the objectives of the agreement.

9 Do you understand that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You're also pleading guilty to one count of interstate  
12 transportation of stolen property, in violation of Title 18 of  
13 the United States Code, at Section 2314. The elements of that  
14 section are that you transported, transmitted, or transmitted  
15 or transferred interstate or foreign commerce any goods,  
16 wears, merchandise, securities, or money, in this case, human  
17 remains; those human remains had a value of at least \$5,000;  
18 and you knew that those human remains had been stolen,  
19 converted, or taken by fraud. Do you understand that?

20 A. Yes, Your Honor.

21 Q. Mr. Pauley, do you understand that the statutory maximum  
22 term of imprisonment under the United States Code for the  
23 offense of conspiracy to commit Interstate transportation of  
24 stolen property in violation of Title 18 of the United States  
25 Code, at Section 371 is five years, a fine of \$250,000, a

1 maximum term of supervised release of three years, together  
2 with the costs of prosecution, the denial of certain federal  
3 benefits, and a \$100 special assessment.

4 Do you understand that, sir?

5 A. Yes, Your Honor.

6 Q. Do you understand, as well, that the statutory maximum  
7 term of imprisonment under the United States Code for the  
8 offense of interstate transportation of stolen property in  
9 violation of Title 18 of the United States Code, at Section  
10 2314 is 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, a maximum term of  
11 supervised release of 3 years, together with the costs of  
12 prosecution, the denial of certain federal benefits, and a  
13 \$100 special assessment.

14 Do you understand that, sir?

15 A. Yes, Your Honor.

16 Q. Do you understand, as well, that the aggregate maximum  
17 term of imprisonment, which is to say the maximum possible  
18 sentence for both of these offenses is 15 years of  
19 imprisonment, a fine of \$500,000, 3 years of supervised  
20 release, together with the costs of prosecution, the denial of  
21 certain federal benefits, and a \$200 special assessment.

22 Do you understand that?

23 A. Yes, Your Honor.

24 Q. Do you understand, as well, that any term of supervised  
25 release imposed is served after any term of imprisonment

1 imposed?

2 A. Yes, Your Honor.

3 Q. Do you understand that if you violate the terms of  
4 supervised release, you may be required, then, to return to  
5 prison?

6 A. Yes, Your Honor.

7 Q. Do you understand that this Court has the authority to  
8 order restitution, if it is applicable, to be paid to any  
9 victims of the crime?

10 A. Yes, Your Honor.

11 Q. Do you understand that this Court is obligated to impose  
12 a \$100 special assessment per offense in this case?

13 A. Yes, Your Honor.

14 Q. Do you understand that there are sentencing guidelines I  
15 must consider before passing sentence on you?

16 A. Yes, Your Honor.

17 Q. Have you and Mr. White discussed the sentencing  
18 guidelines that might apply in your case?

19 A. Yes.

20 THE COURT: Mr. White, based upon what you know  
21 about Mr. Pauley's case today, which is to say in the absence  
22 of a presentence report, what did you estimate his guideline  
23 range to be?

24 MR. WHITE: Your Honor, we estimated 24 to 30  
25 months.

1           THE COURT: What criminal history category do you  
2 believe he falls into?

3           MR. WHITE: I believe it could be a category 3.

4           THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Camoni, do you agree  
5 with that estimated guideline range, again, based upon what  
6 you and your office know about Mr. Pauley's case today?

7           MR. CAMONI: Your Honor, my estimate of the  
8 guideline range would be the same. It's a category -- a  
9 criminal history category of 3, a total offense level of 18,  
10 minus three levels for acceptance of responsibility for a  
11 total range of 24 to 30 months, with the additional caveat  
12 that as I've disclosed to Defense Counsel prior to the signing  
13 of the plea agreement, the Government reserves its right to  
14 file a Motion for an upward variance or departure under  
15 Section 5K.2.8, which is the provision dealing with extreme  
16 conduct.

17           THE COURT: Thank you.

18 BY THE COURT:

19 Q. Mr. Pauley, your guideline sentence cannot exceed the  
20 statutory maximum sentence of 15 years of imprisonment. Do  
21 you understand that?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. A prior criminal conviction may increase your guideline  
24 range. Do you understand that?

25 A. Yes, Your Honor.

1 Q. Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32(c)(1)(a)(2),  
2 a probation officer within this District, quote, Must conduct  
3 a presentence investigation and submit a report to the Court  
4 before it imposes sentence unless the Court finds that the  
5 information in the record enables it to meaningfully exercise  
6 the sentencing authority under Title 18 of the United States  
7 Code, at Section 3553 and the Court explains its findings on  
8 the record.

9 Do you understand that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Mr. Pauley, have you ever been on supervision for a crime  
12 before such as probation, parole, supervised release, or ARD?

13 A. Yes, Your Honor.

14 Q. If you were on supervision when you committed this  
15 present offense, your plea of guilty today would be an  
16 admission that you violated that supervision. Do you  
17 understand that, sir?

18 A. Yes, Your Honor.

19 Q. Mr. Pauley, a United States Probation Officer from this  
20 Federal District will prepare a presentence report which will  
21 set your guideline sentencing range. If you disagree with the  
22 report, this guilty plea is still binding on you, but you can  
23 contest the report with the probation officer, and after that  
24 before me, if necessary.

25 The Government can also contest the presentence

1 report. Do you understand that?

2 A. Yes, Your Honor.

3 Q. Mr. Pauley, do you further understand that your attorney  
4 and the Government can make -- can agree on facts and make  
5 recommendations, motions, and requests at the time of  
6 sentencing, but that I do not have to do what they ask me to  
7 do?

8 A. Yes, Your Honor.

9 Q. Excuse me. Your plea of guilty will be binding on you,  
10 regardless of whether I agree with their facts and  
11 recommendations at the time of sentencing. Do you understand  
12 that?

13 A. Yes, Your Honor.

14 Q. Mr. Pauley, do you understand that the guideline  
15 sentencing range that was discussed earlier is advisory only,  
16 that after your guideline range has been determined, I have  
17 the authority to impose a sentence that is more severe or less  
18 severe than the sentence prescribed by the guidelines.

19 A. Yes, Your Honor.

20 Q. Do you understand, as well, that is there's no parole in  
21 the federal system, and you must serve the entire term of  
22 imprisonment to which you are sentenced?

23 A. Yes, Your Honor.

24 Q. Do you further understand that no one can guarantee you  
25 what sentence you will receive from me?

1 A. Yes, Your Honor.

2 Q. Mr. Pauley, in your plea agreement, you have waived your  
3 right to appeal your sentence. However, sir, no Defendant can  
4 completely waive their right to appeal their sentence. Did  
5 Mr. White explain that to you?

6 A. Yes, Your Honor.

7 Q. Do you understand, then, that you have waived your right  
8 to a direct appeal?

9 A. Yes, Your Honor.

10 Q. Do you understand that in certain circumstances,  
11 however, you may still be able to appeal your sentence to a  
12 higher Federal Court, the Court of Appeals, that could modify  
13 or set aside the sentence or order me to resentence you?

14 A. Yes, Your Honor.

15 Q. The Government may also be able to appeal your sentence.  
16 Do you understand that?

17 A. Yes, Your Honor.

18 Q. You previously stated that you are a citizen of the  
19 United States, that you were born in, did you say Allentown,  
20 Pennsylvania?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Very well. I understand that there is a plea agreement  
23 in this matter. Mr. Pauley, did you voluntarily sign the plea  
24 agreement?

25 A. Yes, Your Honor.



1 Q. Do you believe that Mr. White has adequately explained  
2 the plea agreement to you?

3 A. Yes, he has.

4 THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Camoni, would you  
5 summarize the terms of the plea now for the Court's benefit?

6 MR. CAMONI: Certainly, Your Honor. In paragraph  
7 one of the plea agreement, the Defendant agrees, as we've  
8 discussed, to plead guilty to a felony Information waiving  
9 Indictment, charging, in Count 1, a violation of Title 18,  
10 United States Code, Sections 371 and 2314, conspiracy to  
11 commit interstate transportation of stolen property and in  
12 Count 2, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section  
13 2314, interstate transportation of stolen property.

14 In paragraph 10, the parties agree and understand  
15 that the United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines will  
16 be used to calculate an advisory guideline range at the time  
17 of sentencing. Paragraph 11, the Government agrees to  
18 recommend a three-level reduction in that offense level for  
19 acceptance of responsibility so long as the Defendant complies  
20 with the requirements under Section 3D.1.1 of the guidelines.

21 Under paragraph 12, the Government reserves the  
22 right to make an appropriate sentencing recommendation at the  
23 time of sentencing, up to and including the maximums under the  
24 statutes. In paragraphs 15 and 16, the Defendant recognizes  
25 that the Court has an obligation under the mandatory

1 restitution act to impose restitution, if applicable in this  
2 case, and that the Defendant agrees to make full restitution  
3 in accordance with the schedule to be determined by the Court  
4 in paragraph 16.

5 As Your Honor's already discussed in paragraphs 21  
6 and 22, the Court is not bound by the terms of this agreement.  
7 Mr. Pauley recognizes that the Court may reject any and all of  
8 the parties' recommendations and is free to impose a sentence  
9 up to and including the statutory maximums. And under  
10 paragraph 22, the Defendant recognizes that if the Court  
11 imposes a sentence with which the Defendant is dissatisfied,  
12 that alone will not be a ground upon which he will be  
13 permitted to withdraw his plea of guilty.

14 Under paragraph 30, again, as the Court has already  
15 noted, the Defendant is entered into a conditional appeal  
16 waiver, to appeal his right to -- to waive his right to appeal  
17 the conviction and sentence so long as the Court imposes a  
18 sentence within or below the applicable advisory guideline  
19 range as determined by the Court.

20 And in paragraph 31, the Defendant acknowledges  
21 that he has certain rights to collaterally attack the  
22 Defendant's conviction or sentence or any other matter  
23 relating to the prosecution and waives that right to the  
24 extent permissible by law.

25 These are the most salient provisions of the plea

1 agreement, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. Mr. White, has  
3 Mr. Camoni accurately summarized the principal terms of the  
4 signed plea agreement as you understand it?

5 MR. WHITE: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

7 BY THE COURT:

8 Q. Mr. Pauley, has Mr. Camoni, who is the federal prosecutor  
9 assigned to your case, accurately summarized the chief terms  
10 of the plea agreement as you understand it?

11 A. Yes, Your Honor.

12 Q. Mr. Pauley, do you understand that the terms of the plea  
13 agreement are simply recommendations to this Court, that I can  
14 reject these recommendations without permitting you to  
15 withdraw your plea of guilty and impose, then, a sentence that  
16 is more severe than the sentence you may anticipate?

17 A. Yes, Your Honor.

18 Q. Thank you. Mr. Pauley, did anyone promise or offer you  
19 anything, aside from the written plea agreement, in order to  
20 get you to plead guilty before the Court today?

21 A. No, Your Honor.

22 Q. Mr. Pauley, have there been any threats made against you  
23 or made against any member of your family that caused you or  
24 forced you to plead guilty?

25 A. No, Your Honor.

1 Q. Mr. Pauley, are you pleading guilty, then, of your own  
2 free will?

3 A. Yes, Your Honor.

4 Q. Do you understand, sir, that you are entering a plea of  
5 guilty to a felony, which may deprive you of valuable civil  
6 rights such as the right to vote, the right to hold public  
7 office, the right to serve on a jury, the right to possess a  
8 firearm, or the right to hold a professional license?

9 A. Yes, Your Honor.

10 Q. Do you understand as a consequence of your guilty plea,  
11 you may, then, be required to submit to DNA sampling?

12 A. Yes, Your Honor.

13 Q. Thank you.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Camoni, would you place on the  
15 record now the facts that you and your office would present to  
16 support the charges made against Mr. Pauley?

17 MR. CAMONI: Thank you, Your Honor. Jeremy Pauley  
18 resided within the Middle District of Pennsylvania during all  
19 times relevant to the charges in the Information. Mr. Pauley  
20 was in the business of buying and selling human remains.  
21 Mr. Pauley used FaceBook to advertise remains for sale and to  
22 communicate with other individuals with an interest in buying,  
23 selling, and collecting human remains.

24 Mr. Pauley used PayPal to send and receive funds  
25 related to transactions wherein he sold or bought human

1 remains and the US Postal Service to ship and receive human  
2 remains. Between at least 2021 and 2022, Jeremy Pauley  
3 retained human remains from Katrina Maclean and Joshua Taylor  
4 on multiple occasions. Pauley maintained an ongoing business  
5 relationship with Maclean and with Taylor. Maclean and Taylor  
6 provided Pauley with remains in exchange for payment or trade  
7 and were aware that Pauley was in the business of selling  
8 human remains.

9 Pauley knew that the remains provided to him by  
10 Maclean and Taylor were stolen from a morgue at Harvard  
11 Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts, by a source of supply  
12 who was employed there. Maclean and Taylor shipped the  
13 remains obtained in Massachusetts through US mail to Pauley in  
14 Pennsylvania.

15 In fact, Maclean and Taylor purchased the remains  
16 they sold from Cedric Lodge, the manager of the morgue at  
17 Harvard Medical School. Lodge stole parts from donated  
18 cadavers prior to cremation and sold them to Maclean, Taylor,  
19 and others between at least 2018 and 2022.

20 By agreement, Lodge would allow Maclean and Taylor  
21 into the morgue to choose what parts they wanted to purchase,  
22 including skin, whole and partial heads and faces, brains,  
23 internal organs, and bones. The goal of the overall  
24 conspiracy was for all parties to profit from the sale of  
25 human remains. The members of the agreement depended on one

1 another for supply and payment and developed a mutual trust in  
2 their transactions.

3           Additionally, beginning in October, 2021, Jeremy  
4 Pauley began purchasing human remains from Candace Chapman  
5 Scott, an employee of a crematorium in Arkansas. Pauley knew  
6 that Chapman Scott was supposed to have cremated the remains  
7 but instead stole them from her place of employment and sold  
8 them to Pauley. Pauley communicated with Chapman Scott  
9 through FaceBook and sent payments via PayPal. Chapman Scott  
10 shipped the purchased remains through the United States mail  
11 from Arkansas to Pennsylvania. The remains Pauley purchased  
12 from Chapman Scott included brains, internal organs, and two  
13 stillborn fetal corpses.

14           Pauley sold many of the stolen remains he purchased  
15 from Maclean, Taylor, and Chapman Scott. Matthew Lampi, with  
16 whom Pauley had an ongoing business relationship buying,  
17 selling, and trading human remains between them purchased  
18 several of the specimens that originated in Arkansas, knowing  
19 that Pauley had obtained them from an individual who stole  
20 them from a crematorium in Arkansas. Pauley shipped the  
21 remains, including one stillborn corpse, from Pennsylvania to  
22 Lampi in Minnesota. The aggregate value of the stolen remains  
23 transported through interstate commerce was in excess of  
24 \$5,000.

25           At trial, the Government would prove these facts

1 through physical evidence, photographs, witness testimony,  
2 expert witness testimony, documentary evidence, written  
3 communications, payment records, and audio and video  
4 recordings.

5 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

6 BY THE COURT:

7 Q. Mr. Pauley, do you fully admit to those facts as recited  
8 now to the Court by the Assistant United States Attorney?

9 A. Yes, Your Honor.

10 Q. Mr. Pauley, with all the information I have addressed  
11 with you thus far today, is it still your desire to plead  
12 guilty?

13 A. Yes, Your Honor.

14 Q. Are you pleading guilty because you are, in fact, guilty?

15 A. Yes, Your Honor.

16 Q. Mr. Pauley, are you willing to waive your right to a  
17 trial by a jury of your peers?

18 A. Yes, Your Honor.

19 Q. Mr. Pauley, do you now plead guilty?

20 A. Yes, Your Honor.

21 Q. Very well. The Court makes the following findings: This  
22 Defendant, Jeremy Pauley, is fully alert; he is competent; he  
23 is capable of entering an informed plea. The Court notes that  
24 this plea is a knowing and it is a voluntary plea supported by  
25 an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential

1 elements of the offense -- offenses to which he has pled  
2 guilty. Mr. Pauley's plea of guilty is therefore accepted.  
3 He is now adjudged guilty of these offenses.

4 For the record, I note the guilty plea form has  
5 been signed by Mr. Pauley and is accepted now by the Court.  
6 Thank you.

7 I will enter an order now memorializing these  
8 findings. The Court finds that this Defendant, Jeremy Pauley,  
9 is acting voluntarily and not as a result of force or threats  
10 or promises; that he understands his rights and the  
11 consequences of his plea; and he voluntarily waives his right  
12 to trial. The Court finds that this plea is a basis in fact.  
13 The Court accepts the plea of guilty to the Information.

14 It is ordered, then, that the United States  
15 Probation Office shall conduct a presentence investigation,  
16 shall prepare a presentence report.

17 Counsel, a presentence conference will be scheduled  
18 if one proves necessary.

19 Counsel, do you all have -- do you each have a copy  
20 of the pretrial services report?

21 MR. CAMONI: I do, Your Honor.

22 MR. WHITE: Yes, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Mr. White, have you had an opportunity  
24 to review the report with Mr. Pauley?

25 MR. WHITE: Yes, Your Honor.



1           THE COURT: Mr. Camoni, what's the Government's  
2 position?

3           MR. CAMONI: Your Honor, the Government is not  
4 moving for detention at this time but would ask for release  
5 under conditions of supervision.

6           THE COURT: Mr. White?

7           MR. WHITE: Your Honor, we have no issue with those  
8 conditions. My client did bring his passport with him and  
9 does has the ability to surrender it to the Court today.

10          THE COURT: Very good.

11                 In accordance, then, with Title 18 of the United  
12 States Code, at Section 3142, it is ordered that this  
13 Defendant, Jeremy Pauley, is released upon his personal  
14 recognizance, subject to the condition that he not commit any  
15 federal, state, or local crime during his period of release  
16 and subject to the condition that he cooperate in the  
17 collection of a DNA sample if the collection of such a sample  
18 is authorized pursuant to Section 3 of the DNA Analysis  
19 Backlog Elimination Act of 2000.

20                 I will enter an order on release on Mr. Pauley's  
21 personal recognizance. Mrs. Rhinehart, Mr. White will hand  
22 that to you when I go off the bench. Read that over, endorse  
23 that, have Mr. Pauley endorse it; and then I will endorse it,  
24 as well.

25                 Is there anything else that should be discussed

1 regarding Mr. Pauley's case today? Mr. Camoni?

2 MR. CAMONI: Nothing further from the Government,  
3 Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Mr. White, anything else?

5 MR. WHITE: Nothing, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Pauley, we'll see you back in  
7 several months at the time of sentencing. Court will stand in  
8 recess, then, until 2:30 p.m.. Court will rise.

9 (At 12:41 p.m., the proceedings were concluded.)

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